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was planted at a Board of Governors meeting at the OPC Club House on 40th Street in February 1961 at which the first group of Trustees were appointed. Among them were Edward Barrett of Columbia University, Quincy Howe of ABC, William Laurence of The New York Times, John Luther, Joseph Newman of The Herald Tribune, Harrison Salisbury, John Wilhelm, myself and some others. The first President was Lowell Thomas.

Lack of Funds, club problems and economic conditions delayed efforts to get the Foundation off the ground. However, at a meeting in 1966 it was decided to invite outside "Money Talent" and "Big Names" to push the program ahead. At the suggestion of the Board I persuaded Harold L. Bache, managing director of Bache & Co., to become chairman, and Walter Cronkite and Robert Considine offered to accept the co-chairmanships, with Lord Thomson of Fleet as chairman of British sponsors.. Ben G. Wright, took over the presidency.

It was at the White House on the above date that a presentation was made to President Johnson of the Foundations' goal to "widen public appreciation of the press' role in interpreting foreign affairs to the American public." The small delegation included Bache, Janet Murrow and her son Casey, Leonard Marks of the USIA, Ben Grauer and myself. The reception was followed by a small luncheon, during which Harold Bache donated \$25,000 and his firm a further \$10,000 as a starter.

While the Foundation is constantly in need of funds, it has in the past years contributed to the Center for Foreign Journalists, the Committee to Protect Journalists, the Ed Cunningham Annual OPC Awards, the Joe Dine Memorial Fund, the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, the Todd C. Smith Memorial Fellowship Fund and other worthy journalistic activities.

Want to help? Your checks-no matter how small, made payable to the OPC Foundation will enable us to continue our program. Your donation is tax exempt. Mail it to the OPC Office.

J-Review Bows In Spanish

Pulso del Periodismo is a new Spanish language journalism review published quarterly by Florida International University in Miami.

John Virtue, onetime *UPI* executive in Latin America and later editor of *El Mundo* in San Juan, is the publisher of the glossy magazine which made its debut in January with a 64-page issue.

Among the items in the inaugural issue was a report by *Luis Gabriel Cano*, publisher of *El Espectador*, Bogota, on his newspaper's fight with Columbian drug dealers.

Pulso is published as part of FIU's Central American journalism project, a seven-year \$12.4 million program funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. The program seeks to strengthen journalism and journalism education in Central America.

He can provide copies of the new quarterly, advertising rates and other information for those interested: Department of Communication, Florida International University, North Miami, Fla. 33181. Telephone: (305) 940-5625.

Frank H. King, 96, the first American to write eyewitness accounts of the Russian revolution, died in Oakland, Calif., Jan. 19.

His 7,000-mile journey across Siberia involved all manner of transport — pony carts, the Trans-Siberian Railroad, river steamers and walking. He filed stories, never knowing if they got through. Russian authorities finally held him for a while, then sent him to Finland.

King's 36-year career with the AP included posts in London, Washington and Dallas. He was an AP General Executive when he retired in 1958.

Victor Lasky, 72, a columnist and author who covered World War II for *Stars and Stripes*, died of abdominal cancer in Washington Feb. 22.

An outspoken anti-Communist, Lasky lectured and wrote extensively in recent years for Accuracy in Media, a conservative group that has accused many leading news organizations of having a liberal bias. His coverage of the Alger Hiss trial led Lasky to co-author "Seeds of Treason" with Ralph de Toledano.

Lasky's other books included "J.F.K., the Man and the Myth," and "Robert F. Kennedy, the Myth and the Man."

OBITS

Drew Middleton, 76, who had been in frail health since a heart attack three years ago but continued to write a column, died in his sleep Jan. 10 at his New York apartment.

Longtime military correspondent, and World War II and postwar European correspondent for the *New York Times*, Middleton once wrote his career led him to encounter, "in all stages of sobriety and sanity, presidents and prime ministers, monarchs and mountebanks, heros and rogues."

Joe Alex Morris, 85, foreign editor of UP from 1938 through much of World War II, subsequently foreign editor of the *New York Herald-Tribune* and later managing editor of *Colliers*, died of pneumonia in January at White Plains Hospital. In the years since leaving *Colliers* in 1948, he wrote extensively for magazines and authored a number of books including, in 1957, "Deadline Every Minute" on UP and a 1960 biography of Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Ann Stringer, 71, UP correspondent who in 1945 was first to report the linkup of American and Russian forces at the Elbe River, died of a heart attack on Jan. 10.

The meeting of the U.S. First Army and the First Ukrainian Army was not her only scoop. She also managed to defy military regulations by going to Budapest and Sofia when those cities were strictly off limits to American war correspondents.

Women were not exactly welcome at the front by the U.S. Army. Stringer described her treatment by the military as "nice but awkward."

Keyes Beech, 76, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his Korean War coverage, died of emphysema in Washington on Feb. 15.

He was with the Second Marine Division when it landed at Tarawa, a coral atoll in the western Pacific, and he was the first correspondent to climb to the top of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima. Beech spent more than 40 years covering Asia. He was Far East correspondent for the *Chicago Daily News* from 1947-1977. His last assignment was in Bangkok for the *Los Angeles Times*. His books include "The U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima" and "Tokyo and Points East."

World's Combat Photogs Cameramen To Organize

Joe Longo, a former combat cameraman in the South Pacific and Korea, is heading a move to form an international association of photographers and cameramen who have covered wars and other conflicts.

"We're still in our infancy and are primarily interested in determining if there is interest in a worldwide group," said Longo, a Californian.

To learn more, write Longo c/o International Photographers Guild, Suite 300, 7715 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Calif. 90046.

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Schorr Reviews Nicaragua Vote

(OPC Freedom of the Press Committee Chairman Norman Schorr, who was in Managua to observe the Nicaraguan election, reports on his talks there and his impression of the election.)

By **NORMAN SCHORR**

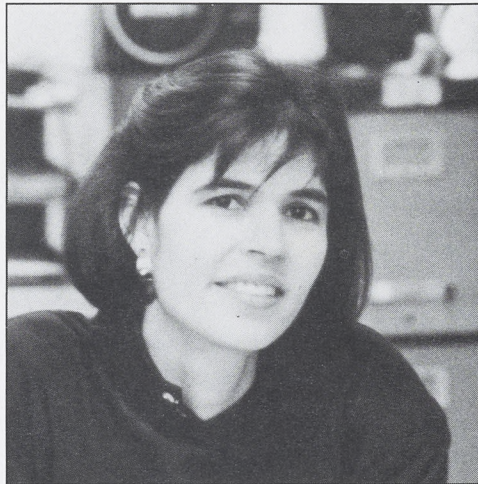
The press was freer to report the news during the national election process in Nicaragua than it had been for the previous ten years. That was the consensus view in the press center in Managua.

Yet, two days before the election, Cristiana Chamorro, the director (publisher/editor) of the daily La Prensa, said that her reporters had been constantly harassed, intimidated and subject to other forms of abuse ever since the newspaper had resumed publication in 1987. The 60-year-old paper had been shut down by the Sandinistas in 1986.

"Our reporters were molested, but it was not as bad as it had been before," declared Ms. Chamorro, who is the daughter of Nicaragua's newly elected president, and bears a striking resemblance to her mother.

"One of the most recent incidents," she said, "was that all our election polling data 'disappeared' from our computer overnight."

In a report dated Feb. 11, 1990, the Committee to Protect Journalists acknowledged that press conditions had improved considerably in the last two years. However, the report stated, "Journalists fear, though, that with many of the same laws...still in place, the government may resort to the media closures and harassment of the 1980s when the elections are over."



Cristiana Chamorro

This fear was not shared by Elliot Richardson, personal representative of the UN Secretary General for the Elections in Nicaragua. He told me that many in the Sandinista leadership impress him, and that this impression made him think that the newly elected government would recognize the importance to Nicaragua of maintaining a free press. Ortega's running mate, Vice President Sergio Ramirez, gave me the same assurance.

These opinions about the future of a free press in Nicaragua expressed by the Committee, Richardson and Ramirez, as well as the attitude reflected by former Presidents Daniel Ortega and Jimmy Carter at an election-eve press conference, were based on the widespread (and mistaken) belief that the incumbents would win the election.

Cristiana Chamorro did not share this viewpoint. When she was asked what she expected would happen on Election Day, she replied, "We're going to win—and big." She turned out to be right.

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China Reports Lead OPC Awards

By **MEYER LURIE**

Nineteen-eighty-nine was the year when people kept on saying, "Who would have believed only a year ago that all this could happen? Free elections—real ballots with more than one party and more than one candidate for office—in Communist Eastern Europe and Nicaragua? The Berlin Wall coming down?"

It was the year Gorbachev kept repeating, in effect, "enough is enough, let's try something that works," while the ancient leaders in Beijing insisted that even a peaceful student demonstration was "too much." And it was the year when a couple of cities—which even the brightest among "Jeopardy" contestants probably couldn't find on a map—Vilnius and Tallin—made the front pages with their defiance of Moscow.

All this naturally, provided the OPC Annual Awards Committee with a flood of copy—newspaper and magazine stories and books, TV and radio reports, and pictures. The theme was summed up in a few words, "The New Face of Communism"—the title of **Dan Rather** and the CBS News' award-winning spot news report.

Coverage of the Tiananmen Square Massacre and related stories led to a score of awards including those to **Nicholas Kristof** and **Sheryl WuDunn** of *The New York Times*; **Claudia Rosset** of the *Wall Street Journal*; **Jeff Widener** of the Associated Press; **Ted Koppel** and **Dorance Smith** of ABC News; **Fred Shapiro** of *The New Yorker*; and **Steven Futterman** of NBC/Mutual Radio.

Among photographers, **David Turnley** of the *Detroit Free Press* won an award for "Revolutions in China and Rumania" and *Newsweek's* **Peter Turnley** got one for "Ceausecu, the Fall of a Dictator." (A complete list of winners who were presented their prizes at the annual awards dinner May 7, has been published in Dateline.)



Free Press Committee Chairman Norman Schorr Lights Candle to Fallen, Jailed, Missing Journalists

OPCers Need Know Of OPC Foundation

New members may not know about one of the OPC's more important functions, the work of the OPC Foundation. Henry Gellerman, the foundation's president, tells how it started, what it does and how you can help.

By **HENRY GELLMANN**
President
OPC Foundation

The Overseas Press Club Foundation was born on April 27th 1966 in the Oval Room of the White House, with the blessing of President Lyndon B. Johnson and witnessed by Press Secretary Bill Moyers. The date was picked to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Edward R. Murrow.

Actually, the seeds of the idea of establishing a tax exempt Foundation

Candidates For 1990 OPC Board

The Nominating Committee has named the following candidates for Officers and the six Active and Two Associate openings on the Board of Governors:

PRESIDENT: H.L. Stevenson
VICE PRESIDENTS (elect three):
Allan Dodds Frank
Ralph Gardner*
Larry Smith
SECRETARY: Jean Baer*
TREASURER: Norman A. Schorr*
ACTIVE GOVERNORS (elect six)
Charles Brophy
Fran Carpentier*
William Holstein
R. Edward Jackson
Albert E. Kaff*
Marjorie Longley*
John MacArthur*
Roy Rowan
David Shefrin
Stephen G. Smith
ASSOCIATE GOVERNORS (elect two)
Frederick Bona*
Werner Renberg
(* denotes incumbent)

Under OPC By-Laws (art. XI, sect 3), additional nominations may be made by petition. A petition for each candidate must be signed by no fewer than 40 eligible members, active or associate, depending on the nominees' classification. Each petition must be delivered in person to the Secretary or mailed and postmarked no later than eleven (11) days after the date of the Bulletin's issue which contains the Nominating Committee's list of candidates. Accordingly, this year's petition must be delivered or mailed by June 26, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,
Nominating Committee,
George Bookman, Chairman, **George Burns**, **John Corporon**, **Anita Diamant**, **Fred Ferguson**, **Herbert Kupferberg**, **Raymond Price**, **Jack Raymond**, **Victor Riesel**, **Dwight Sargent**

See Awards Photos Inside

Editors Wanted

Note several new members have joined the OPC Bulletin editorial board. Help share the load. Call Mary Novick (212) 983-4655.

Who's doing what, when, here, there, everywhere

By AL KAFF and RALPH GARDNER

TO RELEASE HOSTAGE: Member **Carl Koch**, of Treasure Island, Fla., sends us his solid suggestion, whereby OPCers "could possibly help get Terry Anderson out of the hands of his captors. I figure we have a 5 to 10% chance of success, but does anyone have a better idea?" His letter has been passed on to the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee.

LEICA CAMERA STORIES SOUGHT: Members **Daniel and Sally Grotta** are seeking anecdotes for a piece they are writing for *Lear's Magazine* about Leica. If you have any humorous or interesting stories, please contact them at 609 E. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, PA, 19512

CREDIT WHERE (OVER)DUE: "In writing about the France trip," advises OPC France Trip Co-ordinator **Jean Sprain Wilson**, "I didn't do right by veteran OPCer **George W. Herald** and am truly sorry. God knows what gremlin got into my word processor, but I misidentified him. George deserves full credit for setting up our reception with Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac."

NEW REVELATIONS by OPCer **Elias P. Demetracopoulos**, of Washington, D.C., —a former Greek newspaperman who escaped from his homeland after an army coup in 1967—are quoted by author Stanley Kutler in "The Wars of Watergate," recently published by Knopf.

AGENT WANTED: In connection with their in-the-works joint memoir—working title: "Two Worlds and 13 Countries by Two Correspondents Who Covered Them"—longtime OPCers **Doris and Thurston Macauley** are seeking an agent to handle the book and a U.S. lecture tour on the same subject. Contact them at: Agrianthe, Figuer D-1E, Boulevard Princess Grace, 06220, Villefranche-sur-Mer, France. Phone: 93-76-60-25.

AUTHOR, AUTHOR!: OPCer **Juliet Lowell**, author of 13 books, reports that the German publisher, Toleranz Verlag, will translate and publish two of her books, "Dear Doctor" and "Dear Justice."



ON THE RECORD: OPCer **David Lewis Eynon**, longtime producer of The Fast Track, Macmillan Book Club's popular series of business books on audio cassette, recently met with Allen Neuharth, speaker at this year's OPC Awards Dinner, to record Neuharth's best selling "Confessions of an S.O.B." "A charming SOB, indeed," reports Dave. He gave us one of our best interviews ever.

WEST COAST REPORT: Former longtime member, **Sid Cassyd**, now 81, who has been covering the Hollywood beat for 45 years, is the Los Angeles correspondent of the *HDTV Newsletter*. His column, The Octogenarian, appears every two weeks.

ON THE MOVE: After eight years in Chicago as senior correspondent for *Time*, member **Lee Griggs** has been transferred to San Francisco in the same capacity. Now in his 36th year with *Time*, he has been assigned to bureaus in New York, Atlanta, Johannesburg, Tokyo, Saigon, Beirut, Hong Kong, Nairobi and Bonn. His new address is: Two Embarcadero Center, Suite 1900, San Francisco, CA 94111.

THE BOSTON TRAVELER: Veteran OPCer **Bernard S. Redmont** is back from a whirlwind lecture tour of Italy, Belgium and France under auspices of the U.S. Information Agency's American Participant Program. He also flew to Guatemala for sessions of the Advisory Board of the Central American Journalism Program, of which Redmont and **Morris Rosenberg**, a former AP bureau chief, are board members.

Redmont's cover story, "Soviet Television's New Look," appears in the current issue of *Television Quarterly*. He is Dean Emeritus of Boston University's College of Communication.

AUTHOR, AUTHOR: The Italian edition of OPCer **Wilton Wynn's** book, "Keeper of the Keys," was recently published by Frassinelli, of Milan, titled "Custodi del Regno." Originally published in the U.S. by Random House, the book deals with the personal styles and impact of three Popes Wynn covered during his many years as *Time Magazine* correspondent in Rome, where he still resides.

NEW WIRE SERVICE: With longtime member **Mel Beiser** as managing editor, McGraw-Hill's Standard and Poor's unit has formally launched a financial news service. Beiser is former editor of Reuters North America.

NEW ERA: Member **Al Balk** has finished his book on the new global era and what it means for the U.S. He is managing editor of the monthly *IEEE Spectrum*, publication of the 300,000-member Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. His report on journalism fellowships and media institutes for the Gannett Center for Media Studies was recently issued and *Folio Magazine* commissioned articles for their November and March editions. He remains a consultant to *World Press Review*.

STRIVE AND SUCCEED: Following two years of lobbying by OPCer **Albert Hemsing**, Congress recently agreed to permit the viewing of 120 historic films about the Marshall Plan and postwar reconstruction of Europe. After helping to direct the Marshall Plan's Paris film unit in the early 1950s, Hemsing joined the Foreign Service. He served in Berlin, Bonn and New Delhi, and as assistant director of the U.S. Information Agency. Now retired, he lives on Cape Cod.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES: **Dr. Henry Singer**, executive director of The Human Resources Institute, is among a number of members who write to add praises of the recent OPC tour to Paris and Cannes. Calling it "a memorable renewal for old European hands," Dr. Singer adds: "**Jean Sprain Wilson** did an extraordinary job as coordinator. The many additional perks were delightful surprises. It was a treat, with the Taittinger hotel and champagne family hosting festive events with litres of great wines and champagnes." He concluded: "We want to have other trips, so the good news of this four-star adventure should be shared!"

Overseas members: Send items to Al Kaff, Cornell University News Service, 840 Hanshaw Road, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850-1548.

Domestic members: Drop a note or clip to Ralph Gardner, OPC Bulletin, Suite 2116, 310 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017. Pictures welcomed too!



OPC President Leonard Saffir presents President's Award, accepted on behalf of Nicaragua President Violetta Chamorro by Sonia Cruz Baltadono.



OPC manager Mary Novick greets past OPC President Herb Kupferberg and Mrs. Kupferberg.



Katherine Ellison of San Jose Mercury News accepts Burger Award



CNN Washington anchor Bernard Shaw, with OPC's H.L. Stevenson of Crain Communications, presents Grauer Award to NBC's Gary Matsumoto.



Allen Neuharth is keynoter.



David Turnley, Detroit Free Press and Black Star, receives Capa Gold Medal for photos in China, Romania

More Who's doing what...

PRINTING HISTORY: Member **Mary Tanenbaum** has just completed an assignment as guest editor of *Keepsake*, the annual publication of the Book Club of California. The current edition's theme is "Chinese Book Arts and California." It highlights Chinese influences on fine printing and calligraphy.

THE FINANCIAL BEAT: **Isabelle Reckeweg** has joined the financial news desk at UPI in New York City. Reckeweg started with the wire service as a correspondnet in Jakarta in the 1970s and worked as a UPI sales person in Boston and the international desk in Washington before returning to her native Paris with her husband, former UPI Washington photographer **Tim Clary**. After a year on a French magazine, Isabelle and Tim returned to the States last year. Isabelle spent a few weeks with Standard & Poor's News Service ("It was too dull") before signing on with UPI. Tim is freelancing in the Big Apple.

AN OLD ASIAN HAND: **Bert Okuley**, longtime UPI correspondent in Vietnam, Bangkok and Hong Kong, started work on UPI's Washington news desk in April.

NEW BEATS: New foreign assignments announced in the past few weeks: **Walter Robinson**, to Middle East bureau chief in Jerusalem for the **Boston Globe**; **Andrew Nagorski**, to chief of *Newsweek's* new bureau in Warsaw; in AP bureaus: **Jeffrey Ulbrich** to Toronto, **Arthur Max** to New Delhi, **Laurinda Keys** to Stockholm, **David Crary** to Paris, **Mark Porubcansky** to Vienna and **Laura Castaneda** to Monterrey, Mexico.

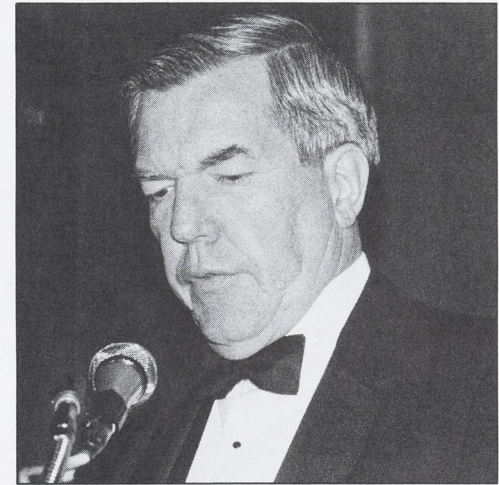
NOBELER: An op-ed article on street violence written by OPCer **Henry Singer**, executive officer of the American Nobel Anniversary Committee, was published in *The New York Times* and the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*. This summer, Singer will help conduct leadership laboratories in Brockenhurst, England, and Oslo, where he also will meet with directors of the Nobel Peace Institute.

UPWARD; **Bob Klaverkamp**, who has worked in Asia since the 1950s for UPI, the *Reader's Digest* and the weekly newsmagazine *Asiaweek*, has been named group publisher of *Asiaweek*, now owned by Time-Warner.

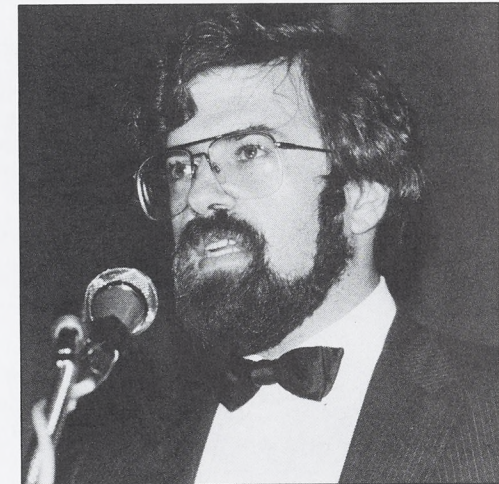
WEDDING BELLS: Widower **Rud Poats**, a UPI correspondent in Asia from the end of World War II until a few years after the Korean War, and **Lea Sneider**, widow of **Richard Sneider**, former U.S. ambassador to Korea, were married on April 14 in Orinda, California.

PAMPERED IN ASIA: After many years as roving editor in Asia for *Reader's Digest*, OPCer **Tony Paul** has relocated to New York City as editor-in-chief of *Business Tokyo*. Tony writes: "After 17 years of being pampered in Asia, Anne and I came here [New York City] kicking and screaming, but the place isn't as unpleasant as I thought it might be."

TURKEY'S NEW PRESS CLUB: The new Foreign Press Association of Turkey was established in Istanbul earlier this year with 85 members. OPCer **Charles Adelsen**, regional correspondent for *Travel Age Europe* and secretary general of the association, reports that the club, "is certainly the most dramatically located of any of the world's press clubs, situated at the junction of the Golden Horn with the Bosphorus and just under the Byzantine acropolis with the Topkai Palace overlooking Saray Point."



AP photo chief Hal Buell tells why Iranian photographer who won for Khomeini funeral photo must remain anonymous.



Jeremy Iggers of Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune wins Ross Award for series on world hunger.

COMPASS MOVES: OPCer **Gerry Loughran** reports from London that the offices of his Compass News Features, a news features service oriented towards the Third World, has moved into "an elegant and fashionable part of London," 13/17 New Burlington Place, Regent Street, London W1X 2JP.

KOCH AT TREASURE ISLAND: OPCer **Carl Koch**, former correspondent for Radio Free Europe, *Industry Week*, *Journal of Commerce* et al, reports that he now is living at 12223 Sun Vista Court East, Treasure Island, Florida 33706. Carl also reports on old European news colleagues: **Joe Fleming** filling in for UPI in Bonn; **Jim O'Donnell** teaching journalism at Boston University; **Jack Koehler** a success in PR in Connecticut representing Interpol, USIA and the Vatican; **Ed DeFontain** alive and well in Washington; **Tom Bodin** dead of a heart attack.